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component, length of service, and date of birth from official records.

(iii) Notify HQ USAFA/RR immediately on determining that an applicant is no longer recommended for selection to the HQ USAFA/PL.

(7) Unit commanders of Regular or Reserve members of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps and unit commanders of Army or Air National Guard members:

(i) Accept letters of application to the HQ USAFA/PL from unit personnel.

(ii) Complete an endorsement for all applicants who meet the eligibility requirements. Include in the endorsement a comprehensive statement of the applicant's character, ability, and motivation to become a career officer. Verify statements in applications regarding service component, length of service, and date of birth from official records. Send the endorsement and letter of application to HQ USAFA/RRS, 2304 Cadet Drive, USAF Academy CO 80840-5025.

(iii) Ensure that each applicant receives a release from active duty to attend the HQ USAFA/PL before sending the endorsement. In order to facilitate the accession of a National Guard (Air or Army) member into USAFA or HQ USAFA/PL, a DD Form 368, Request for Conditional Release, or AF Form 1288, Application for Ready Reserve Assignment, should be accomplished and forwarded to the losing Military Personnel Flight (MPF) service for out-processing. Once the member has enlisted the 10 MSS/DPM will contact the losing MPF. A copy of the DD Form 4 and orders will be provided to the losing ANG MPF by fax. In turn, the losing MPF will project the member's record in MilPDS based on the gaining PAS provided by the 10 MSS/DPM.

(iv) Notify HQ USAFA/RR immediately on determining that an applicant is no longer recommended for selection to the HQ USAFA/PL.

§ 903.2 Eligibility requirements.

(a) For admission to the HQ USAFA/PL, applicants must be:

(1) At least 17 and no more than 22 years old by 1 July of the year of admission.

(2) A citizen or permanent resident of the United States able to obtain citizenship (or Secretary of Defense waiver allowed by 10 U.S.C. 532(f)) by projected commissioning date.

(3) Unmarried and have no dependents.

(4) Of high moral character. Applicants must have no record of Uniform Code of Military Justice convictions or civil offenses beyond minor violations; no history of drug or alcohol abuse; and no prior behaviors, activities, or associations incompatible with USAF standards.

(5) Medically qualified for appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA).

(6) A member of the armed services or eligible to enlist in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

(b) Normally, applicants must not have previously attended college on a full-time basis or attended a U.S. Service Academy or a U.S. Service Academy Preparatory School. The Headquarters USAFA Registrar's Office (HQ USAFA/RR) determines an applicant's status in this regard.

(c) Every applicant must be an active candidate in the USAFA admissions program, normally through one of following:

(1) Nominated by a source specified in public law.

(2) Identified by the USAFA as fulfilling institutional needs.

(d) Members of the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard (ANG) must agree to active duty service if admitted to the HQ USAFA/PL. Admitted ANG personnel first transfer to the Air Force Reserves before leaving their place of residence and being called to active duty.

(e) Regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces and the National Guard must have completed basic training.

(f) Regular members of the Armed Forces must have at least 1 year retainability when they enter the HQ USAFA/PL.

§ 903.3 Selection criteria.

(a) Cadet candidates for the HQ USAFA/PL are selected on the basis of demonstrated character, test scores, medical examination, prior academic

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record, recommendation of the organization commander (if prior service), and other similar reports or records. USAFA is authorized to make selections IAW SECAF guidance including but not limited to selection from among enlisted personnel and recruited athletes. Each applicant must:

(1) Achieve satisfactory scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT).

(2) Take and pass a medical evaluation administered through the Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Review Board (DODMERB).

(3) Have an acceptable academic record as determined by HQ USAFA/RR. Each applicant must furnish a certified transcript from each high school or civilian preparatory school attended. Applicants should send transcripts to HQ USAFA/RR, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200, USAF Academy CO 80840-5025.

(4) Take the Candidate Fitness Assessment.

(b) HQ USAFA/RR oversees the holistic review of each viable candidate's record by a panel. This holistic review may include consideration of factors that would enhance diversity at USAFA, such as unique academic abilities, language skills, demonstrated leadership skills, foreign cultural knowledge, athletic prowess, flying aptitude, uncommon life experiences, demonstrated moral or physical courage or other performance-based factors.

(c) HQ USAFA/RR also examines reports and records that indicate an applicant's aptitude, achievement, or ability to graduate from the HQ USAFA/PL in the selection process.

(d) HQ USAFA/RR includes Preparatory School selection guidelines in the "Criteria and Procedures for Air Force Academy Appointment, Class of 20XX" (Contract) and submits for Superintendent approval.

(e) For members of the Armed Forces and the National Guard, HQ USAFA/RR also considers letters of recommendation from applicants' unit commanders.

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§ 903.4 Application process and procedures.

(a) Regular and Reserve members of the Air Force must send their applications to: HQ USAFA/RR, 2304 Cadet Dr, Suite 200, USAF Academy CO 80840-5025, no later than 31 January for admission the following summer. Those otherwise nominated to the Air Force Academy must complete all steps of admissions by 15 April.

(b) Regular and Reserve members of the Air Force must complete AF Form 1786 and submit it to their unit commander.

(c) Regular and Reserve members of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, as well as members of the National Guard, must submit a letter of application through their unit commander.

(d) Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets send their applications to HQ USAFA/RR and must apply to CAP National Headquarters by 31 January for nomination.

(e) HQ USAFA/RR automatically considers civilian candidates for admission who have a nomination to the USAFA, but were not selected.

§ 903.5 Reserve enlistment procedures.

(a) Civilians admitted to the HQ USAFA/PL take the oath of enlistment on the date of their initial in-processing at the HQ USAFA/PL. Their effective date of enlistment is the date they take this oath.

(b) Civilians who enlist for the purpose of attending the HQ USAFA/PL will be awarded the rank of E-1. These cadet candidates are entitled to the monthly student pay at the same rate as USAFA cadets according to United States Code Title 37, Section 203.

§ 903.6 Reassignment of Air Force members to become cadet candidates at the preparatory school.

USAFA Preparatory School Enrollment for members selected from operational Air Force:

Selected Regular Air Force members at technical training schools remain there in casual status until the earliest reporting date for the HQ USAFA/PL. Students must not leave their training school without coordinating with HQ USAFA/RR.